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IMPERIAL

Dr. Burke E. Schoensee recently became health officer of Imperial County, taking the place of Dr. E. H. Benson.

KERN

Dr. Frederick O. Wynia of Bakersfield, formerly secretary of Kern County Medical Society, has been elected president for 1948 to succeed Dr. William H. MacDonald. Dr. John J. Cawley of Bakersfield was elected secretary.

KINGS

Dr. Paul Murphy has been appointed acting health officer of Kings County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Ernest E. Foster.

LOS ANGELES

Dr. Louis E. Martin was elected president of Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association to succeed Dr. Reginald H. Smart, who now becomes first vice-president. Dr. Martin has also been made president of the California Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Officers of the Los Angeles County branch of the American Cancer Society, recently elected for the coming year are Edward Mills, president; Dr. Alvin G. Foord, vice-president; John R. Christie, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Paul C. Blaisdell, county commander, and Dr. William E. Costolow, chairman of the executive committee.

SAN BERNARDINO

San Bernardino County Medical Society has elected Dr. Meredith G. Beaver of Redlands to the presidency of the society for the 1948 term. He succeeds Dr. Marcus D. White of Ontario. Dr. Carl M. Hadley was reelected secretary.

SAN DIEGO

Dr. Robert J. Prentiss, San Diego, last month was elected president of San Diego County Medical Society for 1948 and Dr. W. H. Geistweit was reelected secretary. Retiring president is Dr. F. E. Jacobs.

Admitting paying patients (except those who have tuberculosis) to the San Diego County Hospital was opposed in a recent communication by W. W. Johnson, president of the Hospital Council, to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Johnson contended there is no shortage of beds in private hospitals in the county. He opposed plans to expand the County Hospital, saying that it would be unnecessary if private, tax-paying hospitals were given full support by patients able to pay.

SAN FRANCISCO

Eight 1948 postgraduate courses for qualified physicians have been announced by the University of California Medical School, San Francisco. The courses and the dates they begin and end are as follows: Orthopedic Surgery, February 9 through 13; Hematology and Blood Disorders, February 16 through 19; Internal Medicine and General Surgery, June 21 through 25; Cytological Diagnosis of Cancer by Smear Technique, June 21 through July 2; Pediatrics, June 28 through July 2; Ophthalmology, September 6 through 10; General Medicine, evening lectures, two hours every Monday, 12 weeks, September to December, to be announced; Psychiatry and Neurology, full-time course, 12 weeks, September to December, to be announced. Details may be had from Stacy R. Mettier, M.D., Head of Postgraduate Instruction, Medical Extension, U. C. Medical Center, San Francisco 22.

Dr. Robertson Ward, who last year was secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco County Medical Society, has been elected president for 1948, succeeding Dr. Anthony P. Diepenbrock, and Dr. M. Laurence Montgomery has become secretary-treasurer. Dr. Dorothy W. Atkinson has succeeded Dr. Lois H. Brock as vice-president. Dr. Forrest M. Willett was elected second vice-president and Dr. Martin W. Debenham, Librarian.

A scientific program was presented at the first annual meeting of the Western Society of Clinical Research, held in San Francisco on November 7 and 8, 1947, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mayo Soley, M.D., San Francisco; vice-president, Myron Prinzmetal, M.D., Los Angeles; secretary-treasurer, Helen Martin, M.D., Los Angeles; Council, Paul Aggeler, M.D., San Francisco, Norman David, M.D., Portland, Daniel Green, M.D., Seattle, Hans Hecht, M.D., Salt Lake City, John E. Peterson, M.D., Los Angeles, Lowell Rantz, M.D., San Francisco.

Dr. Joseph C. Solomon, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, University of California Medical School, and Dr. Knox H. Finley recently were appointed as consultants to the Surgeon General of the Army. Reappointed as consultants were Dr. Karl M. Bowman, superintendent and medical director of Langley Porter Clinic; Dr. George S. Johnson, Stanford University Hospital; Dr. Nathan Malamud, Langley Porter Clinic; Dr. Alexander Simon, University of California Medical School and Drs. Norman Reider and Emanuel Windholz of Mt. Zion Hospital.

SAN JOAQUIN

San Joaquin County Medical Society's president for 1948 is Dr. E. A. Holley of Stockton who was elected to succeed Dr. Dora Ames Lee in that post. Dr. H. D. Chope, Stockton, was reelected secretary.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Dr. Robert O. Pearman of San Luis Obispo has been elected president of San Luis Obispo County Medical Society and Dr. G. David Kelker has been reelected secretary for 1948. Dr. Pearman succeeds Dr. H. N. Cookson of Arroyo Grande.

SAN MATEO

Dr. Harold Marks is scheduled to become health director of San Mateo County, succeeding Dr. Charles C. Gans who resigned late last year. Dr. Gans is reported to have accepted appointment as Health Officer of Santa Cruz County.

SANTA CRUZ

Dr. Philip K. Gilman, Jr., of Watsonville recently was elected president of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society and Dr. Samuel B. Randall, Santa Cruz, was reelected secretary. Dr. Luther Newhall, Jr., is the retiring president.

SONOMA

Appointment of Dr. Owen F. Thomas as county pathologist to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Robert L. Dennis several months ago, has been announced by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Dr. Thomas formerly was a member of the staff of Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

TULARE

Dr. L. L. Selligman of Dinuba was named honorary president of the Tulare County Tuberculosis and Health Association at a recent meeting of the association's board of directors.

YOLO

Dr. John O'Hara and Dr. Henrick Graeser, both of Woodland, last month were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Yolo County Medical Society for the 1948 term. They succeeded Dr. Max Waters and Dr. Emery Leivers.

GENERAL

Urgent need for a number of **Medical Officers for duty in the Panama Canal Zone** is announced by the Panama Canal Washington Office. Starting salaries are \$5,187 and \$6,127.50 a year, depending upon length of experience. Candidates for positions must be graduates of approved medical schools and American citizens not over 45 years of age. (The age limit is waived up to 62 years for persons entitled to veterans' preference.) Full particulars and application forms are available from Chief of Office, Panama Canal, Washington 25, D. C.

Enrollment of approximately 40,000 new student nurses in the nation's 1,227 schools of nursing during 1947, a peacetime record, was indicated at a recent meeting of the Student Nurse Recruitment Com-

mittee in Chicago. The estimate was made by representatives of the National Committee on Careers in Nursing, American Red Cross, Advertising Council, American Medical Association, American College of Surgeons and the American Hospital Association. Determined from surveys conducted by the committee during the 1947 campaign, the 40,000 estimate indicates an increase of 1,900 over the previous peacetime high in 1940, and is 9,000 over the 1946 total. Goal for the 1948 campaign will be 50,000 new nursing students, the committee announced.

The Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Society announces that the Second Annual Frank W. Lynch Memorial Essay Contest will be held during the coming year. It is open to men who have been in practice for less than ten years or who have not been certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Any topic may be selected in the obstetrical or gynecological field and essays may cover either clinical investigations or laboratory research.

The First Essay Contest was won by Dr. Maurice V. Sheets, of Los Angeles, with a study of "Usual and Unusual Findings of the Cervix Uteri." This will be published shortly in the *Western Journal of Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology*. The prize for the best essay submitted is \$100 and the privilege of presenting the paper at the next meeting of the Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Society which will be held in Southern California during the latter part of October or early in November. Essays should be in the hands of the secretary of the society, R. Glenn Craig, M.D., 490 Post Street, San Francisco 2, by August 1.

Vaccination of all female dairy calves in California with "strain 19" brucellosis vaccine is being undertaken by the State Department of Agriculture. The action is being taken under laws passed for the control of brucellosis by the 1947 Legislature. Besides mandatory vaccination of female dairy calves, the law provides for optional vaccination of male dairy calves and beef calves. Aim of the program is to develop resistant stock for future herds so that brucellosis in cattle may be gradually eliminated.

Granting of two new fellowships for research in ophthalmology to the medical schools of Harvard and Yale was announced recently by the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc. Recipients of fellowships will devote themselves chiefly to problems related to the cornea. One of the principal objectives of research at present is the discovery of a method for the preservation of corneal tissue for a period longer than 72 hours.

The Research Fellows are Dr. Thomas Duane, who will work at the Howe Laboratory of Harvard University Medical School to investigate the metabolism of the cornea under various conditions of storage, and Dr. David Freeman, who will work at the Yale University School of Medicine to determine whether embryonic tissues can be grafted upon members of the same species and upon other species.

Dr. Arthur W. Allen, president of the American College of Surgeons, announces the scheduling of six section meetings in 1948, for fellows of the college,

the medical profession at large, and hospital personnel. Each meeting will be two days in length and will include conferences for hospital personnel as well as sessions for the medical profession. The showing of medical motion pictures will begin each day's program at 8:30 a.m. There will be luncheon meetings each day and a dinner meeting on the first evening. The latter will be followed by a symposium on cancer. Panel discussions on scientific subjects, led by internationally known authorities in each field of surgery, will be held each morning and afternoon. The list of meetings follows: Toledo, January 20-21; Atlanta, January 26-27; Oklahoma City, January 30-31; Denver, March 1 and 2; Minneapolis, March 15-16; Halifax, May 17-18.

The Eighth Annual Essay Contest of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society will be held in 1948. The society will offer a cash prize of \$100, a gold medal, and a certificate of award for the best unpublished essay on any subject of general medical interest (including medical economics and education) and practical value to the general practitioner of medicine. Certificates of merit may also be granted to the physicians whose essays are rated second and third best. Contestants must be members of the American Medical Association who are residents of the United States. The winner will be invited to present his contribution before the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society to be held in Springfield, Illinois, September 29, 30, October 1, 1948. All contributions shall be typewritten in English in manuscript form, submitted in five copies, not to exceed 5,000 words, and must be received not later than May 1, 1948. Further details may be obtained from Harold Swanberg, M.D., Secretary, Mississippi Valley Medical Society, 209-224 W.C.U. Building, Quincy, Illinois.

The present three to five year training period for nurses should be reduced to between one and two years, Dr. Howard C. Naffziger, San Francisco, told 200 hospital superintendents and directors recently at the Conference of California Hospitals in Berkeley. The training period now is so long that hiring a trained nurse is beyond the means of most people, Dr. Naffziger said.

Appointment of Dr. Frederic M. Kriete as Chief of the Bureau of Material and Child Care has been announced by the California Department of Public

Health. Dr. Kriete occupied a similar position in Utah before accepting the present appointment.

First issue of *A.D.A. Forecast*, a monthly magazine for diabetics, published under the auspices of the American Diabetes Association, is scheduled to come off the presses in the current month. Designed "to give the physician an additional aid in the treatment of his diabetic patients," according to announcement of the publication, the magazine "will serve as a monthly messenger—the doctor's messenger—delivering to the diabetic patient helpful articles by authorities in the field; basic facts on diet; and inspirational articles which will keep up the patient's courage in the rigorous routine of his disease."

The Western Section of the American Society for the Study of Sterility will hold a conference February 6 and 7 at Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco. Among the speakers will be Dr. John Rock, Dr. Arthur Hertig, Dr. Lewis Michelson, Dr. A. R. Abarbanel, Dr. Robert Rutherford, and Dr. L. A. Emge. Further information may be obtained from Dr. John O. Haman, 490 Post Street, San Francisco.

The National Gastroenterological Association has announced its annual cash prize award contest for 1948. One hundred dollars and a Certificate of Merit will be given for the best unpublished contribution on Gastroenterology or allied subjects. Certificates will also be awarded those physicians whose contributions are deemed worthy.

Contestants residing in the United States must be members of the American Medical Association. Those residing in foreign countries must be members of a similar organization in their own country. The winning contribution will be selected by a board of impartial judges and the award is to be made at the Annual Convention Banquet of the National Gastroenterological Association in June of 1948.

Certificates awarded to other physicians will be mailed to them. The decision of the judges will be final. The Association reserves the exclusive right of publishing the winning contribution, and those receiving certificates of merit, in its official publication.

All entries for the 1948 prize should be limited to 5,000 words, be typewritten in English, prepared in manuscript form, submitted in five copies, accompanied by an entry letter, and must be received not later than April 1, 1948. Entries should be addressed to the National Gastroenterological Association, 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

